



Allen laughs off feud with Elton

Local 10-digit dialing takes effect today

PHONE CALLS Those who still haven't grasped dialing 10 digits to make a local phone call might be a little frustrated today.

Beginning today, all local calls will require a local area code and if it's not punched in, those calls won't be connected.

Phone companies, including Telus, have reminded callers who haven't punched in the area code with voice messages about 10-digit dialing since June 23.

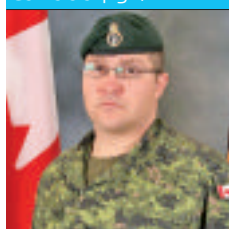
Telus says the move is needed as a new province-wide 587 area code will be added to Alberta's current 780 and 403 numbers.

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Conservative Party Leader Stephen Harper holds his press secretary's little girl Georgia Soudas who wants to go back to her mother Elizabeth before boarding his campaign plane en route to Quebec City yesterday. **For more campaign coverage, including Lawrence Martin's election analysis, see page 6.**

Election won't be child's play: Harper

Tory leader downplays majority chances in 'tough' race

Moments after Prime Minister Stephen Harper triggered a federal election for Tuesday, Oct. 14, he downplayed prospects of a majority win, saying even a stronger minority government is a prize worth going to the voters a year early for.

"I'm in this election to win. We believe it's going to be a tough election. We believe it will be a tight election and, yes, we believe it will be, in all likelihood, a minority," he said.

He denied his decision to pull the plug was motivated by opinion polls showing the Conservatives may be in

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reach of a majority.

Harper said at a time of global economic uncertainty, "we have come to a moment that requires the people of Canada to choose."

He urged voters to look at the immediate economic picture and the question of "competent leadership."

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion called Harper's government "the largest spending government in Canadian history. But ... they govern for the next day, the next poll, the next election.

Never do they govern for the next generation."

Dion promised his plan to tax carbon fuels, excluding gasoline, would lessen taxes on hard-hit individuals and industries.

NDP Leader Jack Layton urged voters to "say goodbye to the George Bush era in our own conduct abroad."

"Stephen Harper announced he is quitting as prime minister, so today I'm announcing that I'm applying for his job," he said.

Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe pitched his party as the key to blocking a Conservative majority.

Early run

• Harper's Conservatives previously passed legislation that set Oct. 19, 2009 as the fixed date for the next general election.

He slammed Harper for quitting the UN's Kyoto treaty on climate change and said Harper is waging a war on culture in Quebec.

Green Leader Elizabeth May called on voters to flex their muscle to fight climate change, "child poverty, world peace and nuclear disarmament."

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Teacher facing charges for exploitation

JUNIOR HIGH Mounties in Spruce Grove have charged a 44-year-old junior high teacher with sexually exploiting a young girl this summer.

Brian Douglas Nickel, of Edmonton, was a Catholic Junior High teacher at St. Marguerite Junior High School in Spruce Grove.

There are 420 students at St. Marguerite. Nickel's subjects included Grade 7 science, Grade 8 science, Grade 8 web design, and Grade 8 human sexuality.

He is charged with two counts of sexual exploitation and two counts of sexual interference.

The charges are related to two incidents on Aug. 13 and Aug. 28, court records show.

RCMP said in a statement that the girl involved is no longer a student at the school and that the alleged exploitation took place over the summer. Nickel has been teaching at the school for 13 years and the regional school board announced Friday he will not be returning until the criminal matter is resolved.

He is due in Stony Plain provincial court on Friday.

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Walking in the bush? Keep your eyes wide open

Sept. 25 is Provincial Hunting Day for youth to experience hunting upland game birds without holding a game bird licence. It's open to Alberta youth aged 12 to 17 who have successfully completed the hunter education program. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a parent or adult/mentor with a parent's or guardian's written permission. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Local



The good ol' NHL gets started

The Edmonton Oilers start training camp Friday with medicals and fitness testing. The players take to the ice at Rexall Place for the first time Saturday, Sept. 20. Thirty-five players (three goaltenders, 11 defencemen and 21 forwards) will be joined by additions from the Oilers' Rookie Camp, which runs from Sept. 12 to 18. **METRO EDMONTON**

Man arrested after gun threats

GUNS Police rushed to a west-end neighbourhood Friday morning, after receiving a call that a man was threatening people with a handgun.

When West Division officers and an armed tactical team arrived at 118 Avenue and 132 Street, they discovered the suspect had fled in a vehicle.

Within minutes, officers located the vehicle near 122 Avenue and 129 Street and conducted a high-risk stop.

The suspect was alone in the vehicle and was arrested after officers found a replica handgun inside.

Dwayne Robert Routier, 40, has been charged with a number of weapons-related offences.

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Ghost bikes eerie reminder for motorists to be careful

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After two bicycle deaths in two weeks, ghost bikes have appeared near the intersections where two cyclists met their fate.

The real-life metal apparitions aren't the result of divine intervention, rather, the initiative of Michael Kalmanovitch, president of the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters.

"Whenever a cyclist is killed on Edmonton roadways, we will go out and install a 'ghost bike' with signage to remind passing pedestrians and motorists to make sure our actions don't cause an accident."

On Friday afternoon, a man on a bicycle was killed

in the residential neighbourhood of 110 Avenue and 153 Street, after he was hit by a truck at an intersection.

And earlier last week, a 77-year-old man died when he was struck by a City of Edmonton Bylaw car at Groat Road and 111 Avenue.

"The (Groat Road) accident was at an anonymous intersection with no human life there," Kalmanovitch said. "The second one was very community-based and people needed to come out and debrief."

He said many neighbours were left with more questions than answers after the weekend tragedy.

"They don't understand how something like this could have happened."

Kalmanovitch has placed



A Ghostbike sits at the corner of 110 Avenue and 153 Street yesterday reminding passersby of the cyclist who died here.

the white, spray-painted bikes at each location as an eerie reminder that cyclists and motorists need to consider each others' presence as a matter of life and

death.

Friday's accident raised the death toll on Edmonton roadways to 17 for 2008. By September 2007, 23 people had been killed.

Four sent to hospital after ATV crash

CRASH Mounties in Grande Cache believe alcohol and speed were factors behind an all-terrain vehicle collision that sent four youths to hospital last week.

Police say four youths, ages 12 to 17, were all riding an ATV without helmets Thursday night 11 km north of the small town when the driver lost control on a dirt road.

The quad hit the ditch and rolled several times before the machine came to a rest in a bush, police said.

Four teens were taken to hospital, including one who was rushed to Grande Prairie Hospital where he is currently being treated for non-life threatening injuries.

No charges have been laid, but police are investigating.

There are currently no helmet or licensing restrictions for ATV use in Alberta.

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What's online today.

Watch as Green Party Leader Elizabeth May urges Canadians to ignore the American election and instead focus on our own future. Also, the military reacts to the latest death of a Canadian soldier in Afghanistan.

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Lotteries

Friday, Sept. 5

Lotto Super 7 2, 6, 9, 19, 20, 32 & 42 Bonus 7

Saturday, Sept. 6

Lotto 6/49 2, 5, 9, 17, 32 & 35 Bonus 36

These results are not official.

Cops go bald for cancer

Retired police sergeant Dan Doyle and his wife, Edmonton police detective Debbie Doyle, had a lot in common with Rapunzel until they let down their hair for cancer research.

After three years of growing their locks about as long as the fairy-tale heroine's, the retired officer and his wife had it all chopped off yesterday at

West Edmonton Mall.

Both of Dan's parents lost battles with cancer, along with a number of family and friends affected by the disease that kills more than 1,400 Canadians each week.

"I'm the only one in the family without cancer," said Dan whose brother is currently fighting the disease. "This is pretty

poignant for us."

The pair and 15 more volunteers, had hoped to raise \$4,500 and donate their hair to be turned into wigs for children with cancer. Yesterday their tally stood at more than \$10,000.

"I haven't had hair like this since I was a teenager in high school and I forgot how much I disliked it then," said Dan. "I am glad to finally get rid of it."

**JEFF CUMMINGS/
METRO EDMONTON**

Carpool plan working, city says

COMMUTE A city campaign aimed at getting downtown workers to share rides during rush-hour commutes is having an effect, officials say.

"Carpooling is becoming more popular by the day for several reasons," said city transportation engineer Aryn Machell in a release.

"First of all, people want to reduce harmful emissions from vehicles, while saving money on fuel, parking and car maintenance."

2,082

The number of people registered for the Carpool.ca campaign.

The city spent \$80,000 for the program by investing the cash into a British Columbia-based company that currently maintains a website to help carpoolers connect with others across the country.

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The Quebec government has ordered the recall of 11 cheeses because they may contain the listeria bacterium. The province said that one person had died and 14 others were sent to hospital because of listeriosis. Health officials said there could be as many as 24 cases. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Newfoundland next for Hanna

Residents of Newfoundland are preparing for heavy rains and high winds as the remnants of tropical storm Hanna approach the island. Environment Canada said the storm would hit the southwest corner of the province last night. Those areas can expect 40 to 60 millimetres of rain with winds gusting to 60 km/h. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

NDP buys up Google ads

POLITICS The New Democratic party has purchased ads on Google searches for Stephen Harper, the Conservative Party, Stéphane Dion, Liberal Party, Gilles Duceppe, Bloc Québécois, Elizabeth May, and the Green Party.

What's the value of a name? Well, \$6, for Stephen Harper. That's how much the NDP is paying each time someone clicks on the Jack Layton

ad after entering the prime minister's name in Google's search engine.

"New media is a huge part of our campaign," says Nammi Pooroosha, director of the NDP's political e-campaign. "What we've been working on and have unveiled so far is just the beginning."

The Liberal party was among the cheapest terms the NDP bought at 60 cents a click. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Soldier killed, seven injured

Afghanistan roadside bomb claims 97th Canadian since 2002

A Canadian soldier was killed and seven were wounded yesterday when their armoured vehicle struck an explosive device while on patrol in southern Afghanistan, the military announced.

Sgt. Prescott Shipway of Shilo, Man., was the 97th Canadian soldier killed since Ottawa sent troops to Afghanistan in late 2002.

Three Canadian soldiers were killed Wednesday when their armored vehicle was attacked by Afghan militants.

Canada's top soldier, Chief of Defence Staff Lieutenant-General Walter Natynczyk has called a recent jump in attacks on his troops worri-

some.

The seven soldiers who were wounded yesterday were reported to be in good condition and had phoned their families, according to a statement from the Department of National Defence.

Shipway was with the 2nd Battalion of the



Sgt. Prescott Shipway

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based in Shilo. He was on his second tour of duty in Afghanistan and was just days away from returning home, military officials said.

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Halifax Canadian Snowbirds



Canadian Snowbird Captain Sean Hanson and the rest of the Snowbirds execute a steep, banking turn during a flyover before the Halifax International Airshow. Metro Canada's reporter Paul McLeod captured all the action while along for the ride. The airshow, scheduled to run all weekend, was cut short as the tail end of hurricane Hanna passed through the area.

New drug offers hope for diabetics

INJECTIONS A stronger, once-a-week injection of an existing diabetes drug seems to lower blood sugar better and with fewer side effects than the original twice-daily dose, making it much easier for patients to stick to their treatment plan, according to a study released today.

The drug, exenatide, would be the first weekly treatment for Type 2 diabetes, with other drugs requiring up to three daily injections or tablets. The current formula is administered twice a day, and was approved in the U.S. under the Byetta brand three years ago. Neither version is available in Canada.

"This is among the more potent therapies developed to date," lead author Dr. Daniel Drucker, from Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital, wrote in an email. Seventy-five per cent of patients achieve their glucose targets, in comparison to about 60 per cent on the twice-daily shot.

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U.S.-India nuclear pact inches closer to reality

The Bush administration took a major step toward enacting a nuclear deal with India Saturday, when the 45-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group blessed a U.S. proposal to lift a global ban on nuclear trade with India. Now, congressional approval is the last step to the deal. **REUTERS**

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World

Pirates captured

An unidentified warship off pirate-ridden Somali waters captured 14 pirates and destroyed their boat yesterday. Boat hijackings and hostage-takings have become common in the area. The pirates are currently holding over 130 crew members. **REUTERS**

Threads of state get attention

Fashionistas scrutinizing Obama, McCain's wives' senses of style

Cindy McCain or Michelle Obama for the White House? Among fashionistas, the wives of presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama are drawing the kind of enthusiasm Nancy Reagan and Jacqueline Kennedy once attracted.

While Obama won fans for wearing a \$150 dress on talk show *The View*, McCain drew attention for her expensive tastes; one outfit she wore at the Republican National Convention this week was estimated to be worth \$300,000.

Palin meets press

• Sarah Palin will begin her first string of national media interviews likely starting Thursday or Friday this week, beginning with Charlie Gibson of ABC.

Vice-presidential hopeful Sarah Palin, who took part in beauty pageants in her youth, has also generated some buzz.

"That's a different look, because you have to look a little bit more serious and

professional," said Mickey Blum, director of survey research at Baruch College.

The consensus at New York Fashion Week was both potential first ladies have style. But most designers in the traditionally Democratic-leaning industry would rather dress Obama, who scored her second inclusion in *Vanity Fair's* annual International Best Dressed list this year.

"I am in the fashion industry, I live in New York — I'm probably not going to go for McCain to dress,"

designer Rebecca Taylor said.

"Michelle is really fresh and she could sort of go where Jackie O went given the right sort of tools and grooming," she said.

McCain, who often sticks to suits, is known for her classic style.

"Cindy McCain may have a look that's almost a little too polished and put together and her clothes might look a bit

too expensive and out of reach for the average person," Blum said, adding Obama's style is more accessible to ordinary women.

Blum believes that while their fashion sense won't sway the election, it does give voters an idea of what their ideals and home lives are like.

Adds Taylor: "I think it could be nice for America to have somebody who's a little bit more stylish as their first lady."

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U.S. air strikes increasing civilian casualties: Report

AFGHANISTAN The U.S. has stepped up its use of air strikes in Afghanistan, increasing civilian casualties, the New York-based group Human Rights Watch said in a report yesterday.

Civilian deaths due to air strikes in 2007 totaled 321, almost tripling the 2006 count, the report said. In the first seven months of 2008, at least 119 civilians were killed in air strikes.

They added the increase has led to "large numbers of civilian casualties, controversy over the use of airpower in Afghanistan, and intense criticism of U.S. and NATO forces by Afghan political leaders and the public."

The report comes weeks after U.S.-led coalition forces carried out an air strike in the province of Herat which the Afghan government and the United Nations say killed 96 civilians. The U.S. military says five to seven civilians were killed. The incident sparked protests and caused the Afghan government to call for a review of the presence of foreign forces in Afghanistan.

Civilian casualties rarely result from planned air strikes on suspected Taliban targets but almost always occur during "opportunity" strikes in support of attacked ground troops, the report said. **REUTERS**

California Hang 20



A dog shakes off some water while catching a wave at the 3rd annual Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon in Del Mar, Calif. yesterday.

REUTERS/MIKE BLAKE

Ike hits Cuba and Haiti, nears Gulf

STORM Hurricane Ike roared ashore in northeastern Cuba yesterday with 120 mph winds, torrential rains and massive waves that rolled through coastal towns. Ike's eye came ashore near Punta Lucrecia, about 510 miles southeast of Havana, after adding to deaths in Haiti and ripping through the southern Bahamas on a path to the Gulf of Mexico.

Crashing waves ahead of the Category 3 hurricane with 120 miles per hour winds swept inland in the coastal state of Baracoa, flooding low-lying areas and causing rivers to back

Gaining steam

• Forecasters expected Ike to weaken to a Category 1 storm on the five-step Saffir-Simpson intensity scale over Cuba but to regain Category 3 strength as it nears the U.S. Gulf coast.

up over their banks.

Ike began what forecasters said could become a two-day trek through the heart of Cuba, which is still reeling from the onslaught of Hurricane Gustav.

Cuban officials said over 1 million people had been

evacuated in a matter of hours yesterday.

Before heading to Cuba, Ike dumped more heavy rain on Haiti, where at least 47 people have died in the town of Cabaret.

Roofs were ripped off and power lines were knocked down at Great Inagua, the Bahamas' southernmost island, and Britain's Turks and Caicos islands.

Forecasters said Ike would likely enter the Gulf of Mexico, potentially threatening New Orleans. The Florida Keys islands have been evacuated as a precaution. **REUTERS**

News in brief

PAKISTAN Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of former Pakistani prime minister Benazir Bhutto, swept to victory in a presidential election Saturday. Investors and foreign allies hope the win will bring stability after months of political turmoil and rising militant violence, which have been damaging the country's economy. That same day, a car bomber killed at least 30 people and injured at least 70 in the city of Peshawar, underscoring the challenges Zardari now faces.

CAIRO Egyptian workers cut through a railway embankment yesterday to bring heavy equipment to the

site of a rock fall which killed at least 34 people in a Cairo shantytown. Giant rocks rolled off a nearby cliff onto houses and people Saturday, some weighing more than 200 tonnes.

LIBYA Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, whom Ronald Reagan once called the "mad dog" of the Middle East, hosted U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for a Ramadan meal this week, a symbolic gesture to try to end decades of enmity. The two discussed a wide range of issues and exchanged gifts in a small kitchen on a compound that had been bombed by U.S. planes in 1986. **REUTERS**

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Election 2008

Who will shake things up?

Leaders in the spotlight must offer something new for Canadian voters

LAWRENCE MARTIN
for Metro Canada

As the election begins, Canadians have a wish. Surprise us somebody. Give us something to get excited about.

Poll after poll has shown a public turned off by ugly democracy, by the cheap games, by politicians on the low road.

The leader who can offer a turning of the page will be the one who gains.

Thus we see Prime Minister Stephen Harper offering a new look. He's coming on as Mr. Happy Face. After two and a half years of being labelled a control freak and a bully, he's going soft.

Check the the doting-dad TV ads. "I play a lot of card games with my kids," he intones. "We go to movies."

Good work, pop! The PM wants it to be a person campaign more than an issue campaign. One reason is his higher leadership ratings. Another is that his government lacks a big accomplishment. There's been some middling stuff — a GST cut, some refurbishing of the military, anti-crime legislation and national unity ges-

News analysis

tures. But on what many see as the big four issues — the economy, the environment, health care, the Afghan war — there's not a lot for the Conservatives to boast about.

The election will likely pivot on the performance of Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion. If he significantly exceeds his terribly low expectations, it will be a horse race. If he conforms to his drippy image, the NDP will make gains, the Green party could win seats and Team Harper will romp to a majority.

Dion has to sell his Green Shift as a tax break as opposed to a tax grab. He has to come across as crisp and firm in his convictions. Yesterday, he tried

reaching out to Quebec, where he is in big trouble, with a big new appeal to Quebec nationalists.

Like the others, NDP Leader Jack Layton is also shaking things up. Tired of third party status, he says he is now shooting for the No. 1 spot.

Harper isn't trembling in his boots over those delusions of grandeur. His only fear is the longshot chance that Dion rises from the dead.

In the last campaign, Harper entered the race, like Dion today, with a lowly image. He surprised many with a steady, competent performance. He got lucky and he won.

Lawrence Martin is a Globe and Mail correspondent/columnist. He's written 10 books and writes about national affairs from Ottawa.



Stephen Harper

Stéphane Dion

Key issues

• Here are some issues that are likely to dominate the campaign for the Oct. 14 election.

CARBON TAX — The Liberal Party has proposed carbon taxes to cut greenhouse gas emissions and fight climate change, and will use the money to cut income taxes and boost subsidies to the poor. Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion says the changes will improve Canada's competitive position, but the Conservatives say the current economic slowdown means it's not the right time for new taxes and say greenhouse emissions can be limited by regulation.

ECONOMY — Prime Minister Stephen Harper proposes no major new tax cuts or spending, saying a steady hand is needed in troubled times. He says tax cuts introduced over the past year are enough to guide Canada through the current slowdown. Dion wants the government to play a bigger role, particularly in providing help to struggling manufacturers.

LEADERSHIP — Dion trails well behind Harper in opinion polls on who would make a better prime minister, and he is behind NDP Leader Jack Layton in some surveys. The Conservatives say he is a vacillating leader who is "not worth the risk." The Liberals, for their part, say Harper broke a promise not to tax income trusts and is violating the spirit of his fixed-election date law by triggering an election now.

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Opposition parties will have a tough task this election, professor predicts

JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Edmonton

Federal candidates for the New Democrats and Liberals will have a tall mountain to climb in Alberta for the fall election, says an Edmonton political scientist.

If there are any ridings that could change from Tory blue, however, they are in Alberta's capital, said Chaldeans Mensah, a political science professor at Grant MacEwan College.

"It's in the Edmonton area where the Liberals have some hope in getting one or two seats, but the problem here is the vote splits between the opposition parties," said Mensah.

"It's a huge problem, but if it looks like we are headed

Tory blue

- All of Alberta's 28 seats in the House of Commons are Tory blue.
- Every incumbent in the Capital Region is seeking re-election except Edmonton-Sherwood Park MP Ken Epp and Edmonton-St. Albert MP John Williams who are both retiring from politics.

for a Conservative majority or minority, we will be heading with the voters here (in Alberta) sticking with the party."

Mensah said the Liberals do have a chance in upsetting Tory MP Rob Anders in Calgary West and after a strong campaign in the Edmonton Strathcona riding in 2006, NDP candidate Linda Duncan does have a chance at getting a seat.

Name familiarity will also help candidates during this election — another reason

the country, but Alberta needs to brace itself for dry times on the hustings.

"The election is going to be boring in Alberta," said Bratt. "It's going to go (28-0) Conservatives."

Wavering by Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion won't help forge any inroads, either, Bratt said, as he's threatened since spring to bring down the government, including at the Calgary Stampede, but has since committed an about-face.

"Now he's saying why are we calling an election and Stephen Harper's violating his own legislation to do so," Bratt said, noting historically dim Liberal hopes in the province, aside from Edmonton's Anne McLellan.

Mount Royal College political scientist Duane Bratt said the environment and economy should factor large in election debates across

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PM to have company

Prime Minister Stephen Harper was joined by wife Laureen when he took the stage at a stop in Quebec City on the election's first day.

Word is she intends to campaign with him more than in previous election years and may even venture out to do some election work on her own.

The couple's two children — Ben, 12, and Rachel, 9, — are remaining behind in Ottawa under

the care of Harper's mother, who flew in from Calgary for the babysitting duties at 24 Sussex Drive.

As well, she'll be tending a litter of seven foster kittens. Both the prime minister and his wife are feline lovers and have opened the official residence to foster cats to help promote pet adoptions.

Lucky for Harper's mother is that most of the kittens have been adopted.

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Retiring



Foreign Affairs Minister David Emerson won't be seeking re-election on Oct. 14.

Familiar faces won't return

GOODBYE A partial list of MPs who won't be running in the fall election:

Bloc Québécois

Pauline Picard (Drummond)

Caroline St-Hilaire

(Longueuil-Pierre-Boucher)

Conservatives

Dave Batters (Palliser)

Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay-Superior North)

Norm Doyle (St. John's East)

David Emerson (Vancouver-Kingsway)

Ken Epp (Edmonton-Sherwood Park)

Brian Fitzpatrick (Prince Albert)

Loyola Hearn (St. John's South-Mount Pearl)

Betty Hinton (Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo)

Brian Pallister (Portage-Lisgar)

Carol Skelton (Saskatoon-Rosetown-Biggart)

Monte Solberg (Medicine Hat)

Myron Thompson (Wild Rose)

John Williams (Edmonton-St. Albert)

Liberals

Raymond Bonin (Nickel Belt)

Colleen Beaumier (Brampton West)

Brenda Chamberlain

(Guelph)

Roy Cullen (Etobicoke North)

John Godfrey (Don Valley West)

Nancy Karetke-Lindal

(Nunavut)

Paul Martin (LaSalle-Émard)

Bill Matthews (Random-Burin-St. George's)

Joe McGuire (Egmont)

Lucienne Robillard

(Westmount-Ville Marie)

Andy Scott (Fredericton)

Paul Steckle (Huron-Bruce)

Belinda Stronach (Newmarket-Aurora)

Tom Wappel (Scarborough Southwest)

New Democrats

Bill Blaikie (Elmwood-Transcona)

Alexa McDonough (Halifax)

Penny Priddy (Surrey North)

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Stephen and Laureen Harper board the campaign plane leaving Quebec City yesterday.

36 days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

Hurricane Ike threat stalls Gulf oil recovery

The recovery of U.S. offshore oil and natural gas production stalled yesterday as producers began preparing for a hit from dangerous hurricane Ike, which is forecast to enter the Gulf of Mexico as early as tomorrow.

REUTERS

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Business



Farmers suspend protest

Indian farmers who have blocked the construction of a car plant by Tata Motors said they were suspending their protest after the government promised to return some land, officials said yesterday. The dispute forced India's top vehicle maker to suspend work late last week at the plant where it planned to build the Nano, billed as the world's cheapest car.

REUTERS

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Trade accord creates worry

A proposed anti-counterfeiting pact has some intellectual property experts concerned it will lead to intrusions into the lives of innocent people, including border searches of music players and laptops by customs agents looking for illegally obtained material.

The Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2008, is currently being negotiated among several countries, including Canada.

The treaty is supported by the movie and music industry and other businesses, which have aggressively sought to defend their works from counterfeiting.

"Consumers have not been invited into this process. It's a handful of industry and there's no balance."

Susan Sell

commercial piracy and illegal copying over the Internet.

This worries Susan Sell, director of the Institute for Global and International Studies at George Washington University.

"Consumers have not been invited into this process. It's a handful of industry and there's no balance," she said.

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New York PETA crashes the show



PETA protesters participate in a rally to demonstrate against the fashion industry's use of fur in front of tents where New York Fashion Week was held on the weekend.

New CAW head blasts Tories

POLITICS Ken Lewenza, who was named the new president of the Canadian Auto Workers, has roasted the federal Conservatives for their handling of Canada's beleaguered manufacturing industry and ignoring

thousands of laid-off workers for three years until last week.

Lewenza was unanimously elected by about 500 CAW delegates at a special convention in Toronto.

Business in brief

AIR TRAVEL The federal government has introduced an initiative called Flight Rights Canada that aims to inform air travellers of their rights when they experience flight delays, overbooked seats or lost luggage.

OIL OPEC ministers could rein in excess supply to shore up oil prices, still above \$100 a barrel, but they are expected to leave agreed output targets unchanged when they hold a meeting tomorrow in Vienna.

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Going Green

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Don't be a drip

Fix that leaky tap. One drip per second can add up to about a half a litre per hour. Dripping for a year would waste enough water to: Fill 28,000 glasses; wash 28 loads of clothes; provide 56 showers; flush 700 toilets; clean your teeth 14,000 times, according to Greenology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Arctic gull sets record as most contaminated

POLLUTANTS A small Arctic gull has set a record as the bird most contaminated by two banned industrial pollutants, scientists said late last week.

Eggs of the ivory gull, which has a population of about 14,000 from Siberia

to Canada, were found to have the highest known concentrations of PCBs, long used in products such as paints or plastics, and the pesticide DDT.

The long-lasting chemicals, swept north by prevailing winds and currents

from industrial centres, often end in the Arctic where they build up in fatty tissues of animals, fish and birds.

The survey was carried out after reports that numbers of ivory gulls had plunged by 80 per cent in Canada. **REUTERS**

Wise advice to listen to elders

Ideas, values remain true for today's youth

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



Now in the seventh decade of my life, I look back at the world of my childhood, with its shared phone lines, ice boxes, radio soap operas, and no television, and it seems like an ancient, lost civilization. And yet the ideas and values I learned as a child seem every bit as important for today's youth, for whom rappers, billionaires and movie stars are role models.

When I was a boy, my father was a bigger-than-life figure, a wonderful storyteller who enchanted people with his outgoing personality. He was my hero. He took me camping and fishing and instilled in me a love of nature and the outdoors. When he came home from work, he always asked me what I had learned in school, and as I recounted my lessons, he seemed genuinely interested, often amplifying my information or correcting me.

I loved those sessions, and I now realize that he

was reinforcing my education by making me recount what I had learned.

Dad was my biggest booster, but he was also my harshest critic. When I began in television, he followed everything I did. More than once when he couldn't follow my narrative, he would call and bawl me out: "If I can't understand what you are saying, how do you expect someone who doesn't know you at all to follow your ideas?" To this day, I think of my father as my audience whenever I prepare a script or write a book.

My mother was the rock-solid foundation of the family. She was the first up in the morning and the last to bed at night, but unlike Dad, she did it quietly. I only understood how important she was as she developed Alzheimer's disease and I watched Dad struggle to fill her shoes. I begged him to allow me to hire help for him, but he declined.

"She gave her all for me," he said, "and it's my turn to pay her back."

Both my parents are now dead, and in my own

dotage, I think about the important lessons I want to pass on to my children and grandchildren — and I realize they are the same lessons I got from Dad. I can't help think they are not quaint ideas from the past but very modern ones that we need desperately today. "Respect your elders," he told me.

"You must stand up for what you believe in, but be prepared for people to be angry and to disagree. If you want to be liked by everyone, then you will stand for nothing."

"Live within your means." This important lesson is embodied in the familiar expression, "Save some for a rainy day."

"You must stand up for what you believe in, but be prepared for people to be angry and to disagree. If you want to be liked by everyone, then you will stand for nothing."

Today's youth are bombarded with news about the antics of Lindsay Lohan, Amy Winehouse and Jay-Z and look to them for inspiration, but that's all the more reason to listen to the words of our elders.

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American Serena Williams, left, won her ninth Grand Slam title by beating tenacious Serbian Jelena Jankovic 6-4, 7-5 in a high-quality U.S. Open women's final last night. The 26-year-old broke Jankovic three times to take the opening set before saving four set points in the second to seal victory in two hours and four minutes, and regain the world No. 1 ranking.

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Workology



"Some people see their pet as an extension of themselves."

— GEORGE VAN HORN

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Pet detective on the scene

OddJobs

Diane Peters



In April 2007, when she was still getting all her pet detective skills in order, Vicky Vaughan ran into a woman at the Dartmouth, N.S., SPCA who had just lost her cat. "I asked myself: 'Should I, or shouldn't I?' Then I looked at her face and my heart broke," recalls the 43-year-old.

Vaughan and her husband Mario Audet drove to the woman's house that night. Vaughan got her beagle Dakota on the cat's scent and ten minutes later he found kitty hiding under a shed two doors down. "That told me this is the right thing to do," says Vaughan.

Only six months before that, Vaughan first heard about animal response technicians while watching Dogs with Jobs on TV. Who would help if one of her two cats were to go

missing? "If no else is going to do it, I'm going to do it," she quickly decided. She flew down to California in October 2006 and took a course through Pet Hunters International (now called Missing Pet Partnership) that taught her how to use CSI-like techniques to find lost pets.

Back at home, Vaughan adopted Dakota from the pound and trained him to find her cats; first indoors and then hidden outside. She read up on cat behaviour and psychology.

After that first successful find, Vaughan put up her website Petdetective.ca and let word of mouth — much of it through the SPCA — find her work. So far, she's found 65 pets and has an 80-per-cent success rate.

Vaughan gets calls from all over Nova Scotia and Canada as there are only two licensed pet detectives in the country. "I'd like to do this full time. I'd like to see it offered across Canada."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Billion-dollar boom in pet pampering

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With an estimated value of \$43-billion in the United States and \$4-billion in Canada, the pet industry is creating more jobs than ever for fans of fluffy, furry critters.

A recent study by market research firm IBIS-World Inc. showed that veterinary services, pet pampering services and specialty pet products have grown steadily in the last nine years. IBIS-World senior analyst George Van Horn says employment figures at pet stores and veterinary clinics have increased an average of three to five percentage points every year since 1999 and one to two per cent in the pet grooming and boarding industry yearly over the same period, with similar proportional gains in revenue.

"People are taking better care of their pets and

putting more money toward maintaining better lifestyles for their pets because they feel an attachment to them," Van Horn said.

According to the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), the number of vets in Canada grew from 7,967 in December of 1997 to 11,186

today.

Kristin Wood, a spokesperson for the CVMA, says the growth of veterinary care shows that more pet owners than ever are demanding

health services as good as they themselves receive, and pet clinics are responding.

"Pet owners are increasingly requesting the same quality of care for their pets as they expect for themselves and their family. Advances in veterinary medicine allow veterinarians and their health-care teams to offer that elevated level of service and care," Wood said.

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Connie Meester, mother of Gossip Girl's Leighton, is writing a memoir, according to E! The book will reportedly include details of Leighton's birth while Connie was doing time for drug-related crimes. TVGUIDE.COM

Entertainment



More Spidey?

Spider-Man actor Tobey Maguire is close to agreeing to a deal to return for two more films in the comic book franchise, according to reports.

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weekend box office

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3 The House Bunny:
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4 The Dark Knight:
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5 Traitor:
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6 Babylon A.D.:
\$4 million

7 Death Race:
\$3.6 million

8 Disaster Movie:
\$3.3 million

9 Mamma Mia:
\$2.7 million

10 Pineapple Express:
\$2.4 million **REUTERS**

Journey into sound

Edmonton beatboxers use own brand of vocal percussion

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Being surrounded by crowds of smiling, head-rocking twentysomethings is nothing new for local rogue hip-hopppers, Uncle Sam and Shamik, and though the pair are about to jump on tour with Wu-Tang elite for the second time, they're dripping humility.

"I'm grateful," said Sami "Uncle Sam" Elber. "Sometimes it's even hard to get a beatboxing gig in a city that only wants to see people spin other people's music. We don't have any delusions of grandeur."

It might have once been tough to land shows in Ed-



Sami "Uncle Sam" Elber and Shamik Bigli are the opening act on the Boodang Music Canada Method Man and Redman: Still High Tour.

monton, a city that's in its infancy in the grand scheme of hip hop, but over the past decade and touring half the globe, Uncle Sam and Shamik have used their own brand of vocal percussion to create an underground following that jam-packs every base-

ment, pub, hall or massive festival they rock the mic.

The two Edmonton-born beatboxers are gearing up for the Boodang Music Canada Method Man and Redman: Still High Tour, and are the sole opener in 11 dates across Canada.

After the two nailed an

opening spot on Method Man's 2007 cross-Canada tour, their homegrown, unduplicated sound and style has cloned their national fanbase and helped nail a slot on this year's tour.

"It's the epitome of energy in the form of vocal percussion," said Shamik Bigli. "When put together, our individual sounds are this great force. Especially when we MC over each other's beats, it's really a journey into sound."

The tour kicks off in Vancouver Sept. 18, and ends in Halifax on Oct. 1. The pair take the stage in E-Town at the Edmonton Events Centre Sept. 20. General and VIP tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Fox, Cameron join Canada's Walk of Fame

ACHIEVEMENT Step aside Tinseltown. Toronto has its own star-studded Walk of Fame, and its biggest red carpet yet was rolled out on Saturday for this year's Canadian inductees.

Actor Michael J. Fox and director James Cameron were among those honored in front of hundreds of reporters and fans in the city already flooded with celebrities for the Toronto International Film Festival.

This year's other luminaries include singers Bryan Adams and k.d. Lang, comedy troupe Kids in the Hall, NBA star Steve Nash, supermodel Daria Werbowy and 90-year-old actress Frances Bay, dubbed Hollywood's Grandma for her old-lady characters in TV and films such as Seinfeld and Happy Gilmore. **REUTERS**

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Television crossover

Gossip Girl stars Blake Lively and Leighton Meester have reportedly signed a deal to guest-star on U.S. TV show 30 Rock. The actresses will feature in a Gossip Girl-inspired flashback sequence. **IMDB.COM**



Rock'n'roll ripped off

Sounds Like Teen Spirit: Stolen Melodies, Ripped-Off Riffs, and the Secret History of Rock and Roll

Author: Timothy English
Publisher: iUniverse Star
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In this unique take on popular music history, English assesses nearly 100 recognizable songs and the compositions that "inspired" them, explaining the reasons behind the strong similarities. English takes on both obvious and even legally-proven sound-alikes, such as The Rolling Stones' 'Anybody Seen My Baby' and k.d. lang's 'Constant Craving', and slightly more surprising pairs, like Bob Marley's 'Buffalo Soldier' and the theme from an obscure 1960s children's show. In doing so, English shows us the less glamorous side of songwriting — the external pressures to write a hit, lawsuits and the struggle for originality in today's overpopulated music business.

Ashley Petkovski/for Metro Canada

Britney returns one more time

On-again, off-again queen of pop takes home VMA alongside Dolls, Linkin Park

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada

The MTV Video Music Awards went Hollywood last night for an evening invasion of Tinseltown at Paramount Studios.

Flashy entrances were the order of the day as German alt-rock outfit Tokio Hotel pulled up in a deliciously over-the-top monster truck, while hip-hop singer-songwriter T-Pain, not to be outdone, arrived riding an elephant.

Despite the cavalcade of stars, the excitement around these VMAs centred around one thing: Britney Spears' return to television.

Last year's gloriously horrifying implosion, where a chubbed-out Britney looked strung out and confused as she fumbled her way through an unrehearsed performance, was hard to top.

As it turns out, Britney's nail-biting return was a



Britney Spears accepts the Best Female Video award for Piece of Me onstage at the MTV Video Music Awards last night.

bit of a letdown. The former queen of pop came briefly onstage to start the show and nervously flubbed her one line —

"anniversary" is not yet a word in any English dictionary.

She did look fit and sober, however, and in a

shocking turn of events that is sure to be debated hotly, took home the show's Moonman statues for Best Female Video,

Best Pop Video and Video of the Year for her song 'Piece of Me.' Ripped-Off Riffs, and the Secret History of Rock and Roll

Other winners included Chris Brown for Best Male Video, Lil Wayne for Best Hip Hop Video and Tokio Hotel for Best New Artist.

American Idol winner Jordin Sparks made the faux pas of the evening by insinuating people who don't wear abstinence promise rings are sluts — to which acerbic host Russell Brand later joked, "A little bit of sex occasionally never hurt anybody."

Former Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash's appearance onstage to present the award for Best Rock Video was a bit jarring — not because of his age, but more because the weathered rocker's artistic credibility felt strangely out of place at the same show where lip-synch queen Ashlee Simpson graced the stage.

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Wrestler takes top Venice prize

FILM Hollywood outsider Mickey Rourke capped his big screen comeback on Saturday when The Wrestler, in which he plays a lonely, washed out fighter, won the Golden Lion for best film at the Venice festival. Directed by Darren Aronofsky, critics are tipping the star for an Oscar nod.

REUTERS

24 halts filming to work on writing

TELEVISION Fox's 24 is stopping the production clock for 18 days to allow writers to work on upcoming scripts. The idea for the hiatus came from 24 executive producer/showrunner Howard Gordon, who had been concerned about the quality of several scripts.

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critics'corner

Canadian Country Music Awards

Mention Canadian country music artists, and most fans in the States will think, "Shania Twain." But there's plenty of homegrown talent north of the border making music that's more than a little bit country, and the best of them are honored at this gala from Winnipeg. Terri Clark, a nominee for female artist of the year, hosts the festivities. Newcomer Jessie Farrell leads the pack with seven nominations, including the Fans' Choice Award. 8 PM on CBX



NFL Football

A new era begins for one of the NFL's marquee franchises when the Packers host the Vikings to begin a "Monday Night Football" doubleheader. For the first time in 16 seasons, the Pack will start a game without quarterback Brett Favre, whose soap opera of an offseason ended with a trade to the Jets. Aaron Rodgers, welcome to the pressure cooker as Favre's replacement. The second game pits the Broncos and Raiders battling in Oakland. 5 PM on TSN

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| 22 | KSPS | - | 374 | NewsHour With Jim Lehrer | | Dr. Wayne Dyer: The Power of Intention Dr. Wayne Dyer explores the power of intention. | | | | Change Your Brain, Change Your Life | Conspiracy | |
| 24 | WTVS | - | 364 | Change Your Brain, Change | | American Soundtrack: Doo Wop's Greatest Hits | | | | | | |
| 15 | CBGN | 502 | - | CBC News: The National | | Conspiracy Files (N) | | CBC News: The National | | CBC News: The National | Conspiracy | |
| 21 | TWN | 505 | 398 | (5) EarthWatch One | | EarthWatch One | | EarthWatch Two | | | | |
| 27 | CNN | 500 | 500 | Larry King Live | | Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) | | | | Larry King Live | Cooper 360 | |
| 54 | CTVN | 501 | 391 | CTV Newsnet | | News | CTV Newsnet | News | CTV Newsnet | News | CTV Newsnet | News |
| 6 | BNN | 504 | 508 | Squeeze Play | | Market Call | | Headline | Market Call | Berman's Call | Money Talks | Squeeze Play |
| 20 | TSN | 400 | 400 | NFL Football | | (8:15) NFL Football Denver Broncos at Oakland Raiders. From McAfee Coliseum in Oakland, Calif. | | | | | | |
| 23 | net | 408 | 418 | World's Toughest Cowboy | | World Combat League | | Red Bull: Air | Stamps TV | Sportsnet Connected | Best-Sports | |
| 47 | SPEED | 417 | 406 | 101 Cars-Drive | Car Crazy (N) | Barrett-Jackson | | Pinks (HDTV) | Pass Time | This Week in NASCAR | 101 Cars-Drive | |
| 94 | SCORE | 410 | 403 | (7:15) WWE Monday Night Raw | | | | (9:15) Score Tonight | | WWE Monday Night Raw | | |
| 9 | EDACC | 267 | 351 | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | | Dogwalker | | Sarah Connor Chronicles | | America's Toughest Jobs (N) | Help TV | |
| 14 | YTV | 552 | 543 | Drake & Josh | iCarly | The Next Star | | Prank Patrol | Futurama | Prank Patrol | Mystery Hnt. | Adrenaline Proj |
| 17 | TREE | 553 | 546 | Little Bear | Miss Spider | Comfy Couch | Rolie Polie Olie | Beren, Bears | Babar | Backyardigans | Dora-Explorer | Go, Diego, Go! |
| 42 | TOON | 555 | 545 | World of Quest | Johnny Test | George-Jungle | Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show | | | Total Drama | Futurama | American Dad |
| 45 | FAM | 557 | 541 | Zoe 101 | Lire Derek | Wizards-Place | That's-Raven | Zack & Cody | Natural-Sadie | Han, Montana | Lire Derek | Ned's School |
| - | TVA | 121 | 714 | TVA 18 heures | Le Cercle (SC) | Les Gags | Bloopers | Juste pour rire (SC) | | Dr. House (HDTV) (SC) | TVA 22 heures | |
| 18 | CMT | 575 | 583 | CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock (HDTV) (N) | | | | Karaoke Star "Halifax, NS" | | CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock | | |
| 25 | A&E | 615 | 520 | Intervention After | | Paranormal | Paranormal | Paranormal | Paranormal | Intervention "Sylvia" | Intervention | |
| 26 | MMM | 571 | 581 | Where You At | Revival | Gene Simmons | Gene Simmons | Party of Five | | Gene Simmons | Gene Simmons | Party of Five |
| 29 | FOOD | 603 | 561 | Good Eats | Perfection | Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares | | Restaurant Makeover | | Iron Chef America | Good Eats | |
| 31 | SHOW | 617 | 522 | Prime Suspect 6: Last Witness | | Love-Death | Love-Death | Painkiller Jane | | Kenny-Spenny | Rent-A-Goalie | Name Is Earl |
| 32 | DISC | 520 | 505 | Vermintors (N) | | Dirty Jobs | | Daily Planet | | Vermintors | Dirty Jobs | |
| 33 | SLICE | 601 | 562 | Wedding SOS | Party Mamas | Project Runway | | End of Leash | Spoiled Rotten | Wedding SOS | Party Mamas | Runway |
| 34 | W | 602 | 567 | Shopping Bags | Style by Jury | Will & Grace | Friends | How Clean | House | Love It or List It (N) | Real Est | |
| 35 | TL | 521 | 560 | Jon & Kate | Jon & Kate | Jon & Kate Plus 8 (HDTV) | | Take Home Nanny (HDTV) | | Jon & Kate | Jon & Kate | Jon & Kate |
| 36 | BRAVO | 620 | 523 | La Noubia Cirque du Soleil | | | Bravonews | Law & Order "Grief" | | Without a Trace | Cadillac Ranch | |
| 38 | SPIKE | 628 | 584 | Without a Paddle ** (2004, Comedy) Seth Green. | | NCIS | | MANswers | MANswers | CSI: Crime Scene Investgn. | Trek: Voyager | |
| 40 | HIST | 522 | 506 | Tank Overhaul | | NCIS | | Crime Stories | | Battle 360 "Call to Duty" | Dogfights | |
| 41 | COM | 626 | 547 | Laughs | Comedy Now | Air Force | Just for Laughs | | Comer Gas | The Simpsons | South Park | The Cho Show |
| 43 | SPACE | 627 | 528 | Battlestar Galactica | | Eureka | | Stargate SG-1 (DVS) | | Lost "Pilot" (Part 1 of 2) | Deep Space 9 | |
| 44 | WPCH | 620 | 550 | (6) The Pelican Brief (1993, Suspense) | | Fraser | | Seinfeld | Fraser | The Pelican Brief (1993, Suspense) | | |
| 46 | OLN | 411 | 457 | Mantracker "Buck & RJ" | | Departures | | Pilot Guides "Ireland" | | Don't Forget Your Passport | Mantracker | |
| 48 | TROP | 619 | 525 | News Show | News Show | TV Made, Do It | Very Bad Men | | What Happen? | Make or Break | TV Made, Do It | Planet Soap |
| 50 | STAR | 621 | 527 | Live at eTalk | Live at eTalk | The Tonight Show-Jay Leno | | TMZ | eTalk | The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N) | Hollywood | |
| 52 | HGTV | 600 | 564 | Property Virgin | House Hunters | Location, Location, Location | | Holmes on Homes | | Design U | Home to Stay | Property Virgin |
| 65 | TLN | 700 | 600 | Direttore Di Polizia | | Raymond | Raymond | George Lopez | George Lopez | The Sopranos "Stage 5" (SS) | David Rocco | |
| 92 | APTN | 269 | 350 | News | | Notre Peuple "Bal de Neige" | | La Cité | Mishkueita | Flic et Rebelle ** (1989, Crime Drama) | | |
| 93 | VISION | 261 | 394 | McLeod's Daughters (N) | | Scared Sacred | | Just Cause "Pilot" | | Prime Minister | May-December | McLeod Dgthrs |
| 100 | MTV | 581 | 566 | Exiled | The Hills | The Hills | The Hills | After | MTV Live | Super Sweet | The Hills | The Hills |
| 101 | MM | 570 | 580 | MuchNews | The NewMusic | Legally Blonde | | MuchVibe | | Punk'd | Video on Trial | MuchNews |
| 102 | CPAC | 512 | 396 | Political Reflections | | | | | | | | Canadian Tour |
| 103 | CLT | 526 | 507 | Victoria's Empire | | Mysterious Ways | | Judging Amy | | The Mormons (DVS) | | Victoria Empire |
| 105 | TV5 | 145 | 761 | Vie privée, vie publique | | Passez au vert | Ville | Journal TV5 | Le Plus grand cabaret du monde | | | |
| 106 | RDI | 126 | 730 | Le Téléjournal (SC) | | Le Club des ex | Le National | Le Téléjournal (SC) | | Le Journal RDI | Le National | Le Téléjournal |

Actress Jamie Lynn Spears' mother Lynne has denied reports she sent U.S. vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin's pregnant 17-year-old daughter Bristol a baby gift package on behalf of her daughter. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Allen speaks about spat with John

PEOPLE Lily Allen has spoken out about her spat with singer Elton John at a London awards show last week, People.com reports.

"Elton John and I are friends," the pop star writes in a new entry on her MySpace blog.

The online posting refers to an incident when an apparently tipsy Allen clashed with John at the GQ Men of the Year awards ceremony, which the pair co-presented on Sept. 2.

As Allen, 23, introduced a segment as a "very special point in the evening," John, 61, said, "What, you are going to have another drink?"

Allen shot back, "F--- off Elton, I'm 40 years younger than you."

On her blog,

Allen also denies that she was disgracefully drunk, claiming that she did nothing wrong by taking advantage of the free booze.

"I'm not defending my drunkenness because I don't need to, I'm 23 it was an awards ceremony, I drank the free champagne, how awful of me," she writes.

She also blames the media for over-hyping the supposed feud.

"Trying to create a feud on the other hand, and trying to make me out as being some rude little girl with a drink problem is just unfair," she says.

"Elton and I exchanged jokes and there were no hard feelings at all, in fact neither of us gave it a second thought."

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Stefani's life improved

CHILDREN Gwen Stefani says having a second child has helped make her marriage stronger, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who gave birth to second son Zuma Nesta Rock last month, revealed her relationship with her husband, singer Gavin Rossdale, has improved since they welcomed their new child.

"Gavin loves being a dad and he wants to have a bigger family, too," she said. "I feel we are closer

in many ways now that we are building something together outside our own crazy relationship. We feel so blessed to be able to share this experience together and see how we have both become more romantic and caring for each other, simply because we have seen how beautiful it is to have come this far together and started a new chapter in our lives."

Stefani also has a two-year-old son, Kingston, with Rossdale.

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celebrity brief

Lohan turns down Playboy

PEOPLE Lindsay Lohan has turned down a \$700,000 US offer to pose nude for Playboy magazine, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress posed nude as screen icon Marilyn Monroe in New York magazine earlier this year.

However, Lohan's representative reportedly told Playboy: "She's not going down the New York magazine road again."

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Lindsay Lohan has reportedly turned down \$700,000 US to pose nude for Playboy magazine. If you're scoring at home, that works out to roughly \$1 per freckle.

At first glance, it would appear that someone with the surname Lohan has publicly exhibited a modicum of class, self-restraint, modesty and dignity. Normally, that would cause me to begin stockpiling canned goods in my basement and fashioning a tinfoil hat in anticipation of the end of the world as we know it.

But don't worry. These are the Lohans we're talking about. You know that 15 minutes after Lindsay turned down the offer, mother-of-the-millennium **Dina Lohan** was presenting younger sister **Ali Lohan** at **Hugh Hefner's** door, complete with fake ID, and an offer to personally appear in the photo shoot at no extra charge.

My only question is how the drooling dean of defilement restrained himself from accepting.

I'm sure this is a case not of the principle, but of the price tag, being rejected. Lindsay must have been somewhat chuffed that the offer was less than seven figures, what with the sequel to **Herbie, Fully Loaded** certainly due to begin filming any day now.

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celebrity brief

Mendes seeing therapist

HEALTH Eva Mendes has sought out a therapist to help her deal with fame, imdb.com reports.

The actress, who checked into rehab for undisclosed reasons earlier this year, admits therapy has helped her become a better star, and a more charitable one.

"Up until recently, I was really uncomfortable with having success and enjoying it," she tells Eonline.com.

"I just couldn't deal with that: 'How can I have so much? It's not fair.'"

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Moore finds love again

RELATIONSHIPS Singer/actress Mandy Moore has dated several fellow stars, but she found her latest love interest outside the Hollywood scene: He's an artist named Andre, intouchweekly.com reports.

"She is really into him and loves that he's not famous," says a friend. Ever since the pair met at a party two months ago,

they've been inseparable. "They don't go out late and both like being at home. She also loves that he's down-to-earth," the friend says. "She glows when she talks about Andre."

The 24-year-old was last linked to singer Ryan Adams, but broke up with him in early July.

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celebrity brief

Brown, Rihanna not shacking up

RUMOUR Singer Chris Brown has denied reports he has moved in with girlfriend Rihanna, insisting he's too young to play house with the singer, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The pair sparked rumours they were engaged just last month after Rihanna, 20, was pho-

tographed wearing a diamond ring on her wedding finger, and now gossip columnists are hinting the couple is living together.

Speculation reached fever pitch last week when Brown revealed he was looking for a new home, but he now insists the place will be a bachelor pad.

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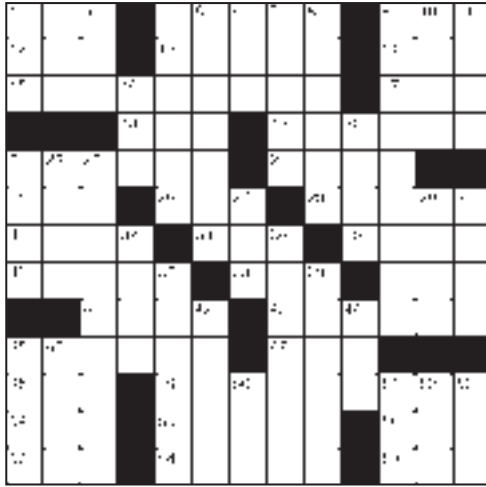
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Lima makes acting debut

Supermodel Adriana Lima, right, will make her acting debut on an upcoming episode of Ugly Betty. Lima will be hired to pose on the pages of the show's Mode magazine's "sizzling hot issue." **PEOPLE.COM**

**Take Five****Crossword down**

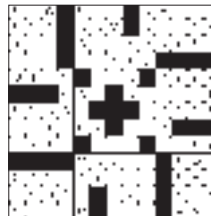
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- 3 Moray
- 4 Expired, as a subscription
- 5 Loop member?
- 6 Blackbird
- 7 "— are red ..."
- 8 Logo
- 9 Card game for one
- 10 Admitting customers
- 11 Male deer
- 16 "Eewww!"
- 20 Make tea
- 21 Cuts the grass
- 22 From the beginning
- 23 Lawyer in London
- 27 Journal
- 29 Bridge
- 30 Weight
- 32 Verifiable
- 34 Whim
- 37 Landlord
- 39 Hot-water heater
- 42 Unemotional
- 44 Also
- 45 Get ready, for short
- 46 Took the bus
- 50 Cover
- 51 On the — vive
- 52 Samovar
- 53 Yang counterpart

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Crossword across

- 1 Shock partner
- 4 Perjurers
- 9 "Mayday!"
- 12 That woman
- 13 Bother
- 14 Choose
- 15 Ego-centric's problem
- 17 Meadow
- 18 Vegas-based TV series
- 19 Receding
- 21 With face hidden
- 24 Kind
- 25 Yoko of music
- 26 Atl. state
- 28 Dog walker's tether
- 31 Ridge raised by a heavy blow
- 33 Sinbad's bird
- 35 Use a paper towel
- 36 Marble cake pattern
- 38 Tie up the phone
- 40 U.K. fliers
- 41 Pool hall supply
- 43 Powerful
- 45 Church VIP
- 47 Brazilian resort city
- 48 Deteriorate
- 49 "To be or not to be," e.g.
- 54 Tokyo's old name
- 55 Reserved or preserved
- 56 Swiss canton
- 57 Apiece
- 58 Actress Winona
- 59 Quaint stopover

previous day's answer

**Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES**

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Contact with nature has a stimulating effect. It might be to your advantage to make a drastic change. Listen to advice, but go your own way.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Shake off undesirable companions. An unhappy co-worker has harsh things to say. A crook is caught doing an evil deed.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

People are shocked when you appear to be stubborn. A love affair develops intensity. There's a surprise concerning money.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A fateful encounter with an authority figure takes place. Strong feelings help you come out of your shell. Take good care of a vulnerable person.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

An unwelcome guest provides a positive experience. You can start relating well to a cynical person. A fascinating package will arrive.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Listen intently to a long-winded optimist. Shocking news is heard of a vital work issue. Be there for a friend who needs help.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A surprise guest provides a feeling of relief. A member of a clique needs a doctor. A former enemy creates a happier atmosphere.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

It's dangerous to act rashly. Do deep breathing to calm down. An unselfish person cringes when you sound off.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

A foreign country has an impact on a controversy. Everyone you meet has an interesting story to tell. A neighbour is put on the spot.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Ancient emotional history goes through your mind. A complex mix-up leads to hurt feelings. Don't be coerced into making decisions.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

A babbling fool makes contact and gives joy. Dealing with possessions causes a racket. The way to heaven is found by a kind person.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Sometimes you just have to say yes and bring flowers. Make plans with a special person. Controversial news brings affairs at work to a climax.

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previous day's answer

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13..... Genius
13-17..... Scholar

17-21..... Smart
21-25..... Not bad

25+..... Keep practising
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Partly sunny.
17°

Tonight

Partly cloudy.
Low 6°

Tuesday

Partly sunny.
14° / 5°

Wednesday

Partly cloudy.
18° / 5°

Thursday

Partly cloudy.
22° / 6°



Temperature Normals
High: 17.8°
Low: 5.5°

Records
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